

Please add new claims 23-29.

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--Claim 23. (New) The system as in claim 3 or 4, further comprising means for sorting the coupon information.

Claim 24. (New) The system as in claim 10 or 11, further comprising means for sorting the coupon information.

Claim 25. (New) The system of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of stores and wherein the coupon data base is centralized to allow access by the plurality of stores.

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Claim 26. (New) The system of claim 8, further comprising a plurality of check-out registers associated with a plurality of stores and wherein the coupon data base is centralized to allow access by the plurality of stores.

Claim 27. (New) The method of claim 21 further comprising centralizing the coupon data base to allow access by a plurality of stores.

Claim 28. (New) The system of claim 1, further comprising means to send consumer purchase information to a manufacturer.

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Claim 29. (New) The system of claim 1, further comprising means for electronically sending coupons from a manufacturer to the consumer by adding manufacturer coupon information to the coupon data base.--

#### REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-5, 8-9, 11-12, 14, and 21 have been amended to better conform with 35 USC 112. Claim dependency of claims 5 and 12 have been amended to more adequately claim the

printing of reviewed information, as per page 8, lines 7-20 of the specification.

Support for new claims 23 and 24 can be found in the specification at page 10, lines 16-17. Support for new claims 25-27 can be found in claim 20 and in the specification at page 8, lines 2-6. Support for new claim 28 can be found in the specification at page 2, lines 19-21; page 3, lines 2-4 and 11-13; page 4, lines 4-6; and page 13, lines 6-11. Support for new claim 29 can be found at page 8, lines 18-20.

The abstract has been changed to remove the "product information sold to the consumer" language. No new matter has been added.

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